



STATE OF ARIZONA

JANICE K. BREWER
GOVERNOR

EXECUTIVE OFFICE

April 14, 2010

The Honorable Kirk Adams
Speaker
Arizona House of Representatives
1700 W. Washington
Phoenix, Arizona 85007

Dear Speaker Adams,

Today, I signed House Bill 2261; community college boards; expansion, with the understanding that there will be subsequent legislation this session delaying the effect of the bill until 2012.

One of the main provisions of this bill is to expand the community college district governing board a county larger than three million persons. Currently, the board has five members whose districts coincide with the county supervisorial districts. This bill now requires the county to elect two new at large members to the board.

The Maricopa County Elections Department is concerned that the effective date of this bill will coincide with the time that new candidates must file for their offices. Given that the changes contained in this bill will need to be pre-cleared by the United States Department of Justice, there is reason to believe that there may not be enough time for the issue to be determined and proper petitions and ballot language to be crafted.

The sponsor, Representative Crandall, has indicated that there will be subsequent legislation in the time that remains in this legislative session to delay the implementation of these changes to 2012. I urge the county to work with the sponsor to ensure that the necessary steps are taken to address these concerns.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Janice K. Brewer".

Janice K. Brewer
Governor

JKB/nb

cc: The Honorable Bob Burns
The Honorable Rich Crandall

State of Arizona
House of Representatives
Forty-ninth Legislature
Second Regular Session
2010

HOUSE BILL 2261

AN ACT

AMENDING SECTIONS 15-1441, 15-1444 AND 16-322, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES;
RELATING TO COMMUNITY COLLEGES.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

Passed the House February 24, 2010

by the following vote: 54 Ayes,

4 Nays, 2 Not Voting

[Signature]
Speaker of the House

Cheryl Laube
Chief Clerk of the House

Passed the Senate April 1, 2010

by the following vote: 21 Ayes,

5 Nays, 4 Not Voting

[Signature]
President of the Senate

[Signature]
Secretary of the Senate

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT OF ARIZONA
OFFICE OF GOVERNOR

This Bill received by the Governor this

_____ day of _____, 20____

at _____ o'clock _____ M.

Secretary to the Governor

Approved this _____ day of

at _____ o'clock _____ M.

Governor of Arizona

H.B. 2261

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT OF ARIZONA
OFFICE OF SECRETARY OF STATE

This Bill received by the Secretary of State

this _____ day of _____, 20____

at _____ o'clock _____ M.

Secretary of State

HOUSE CONCURS IN SENATE
AMENDMENTS AND FINAL PASSAGE

April 8, 2010,

by the following vote: 48 Ayes,

7 Nays, 5 Not Voting

[Signature]
Speaker of the House

Cheryl Laube
Chief Clerk of the House

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT OF ARIZONA
OFFICE OF GOVERNOR

This Bill was received by the Governor this

8th day of April, 2010,

at 3:53 o'clock P. M.

[Signature]
Secretary to the Governor

Approved this 14th day of

April, 2010,

at 12:58 o'clock P. M.

[Signature]
Governor of Arizona

H.B. 2261

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT OF ARIZONA
OFFICE OF SECRETARY OF STATE

This Bill was received by the Secretary of State

this _____ day of _____, 20____,

at _____ o'clock _____ M.

Secretary of State